

## Background Biography

Ben grew up in Ojai California, a Junior Olympic standard swimmer by the age of nine, entering the Motorsport limelight in 2001 during the Le Mans 24 Hours where he set the overall race pace in his rookie year for over 4 hours in monsoon conditions. In years that followed Ben competed in NASCAR and won the European Le Mans Series, most recently racing a Ferrari GT in the FIA World Endurance Championship. Ben has tested Formula 1 & World Rally cars and hundreds of Supercars.

For nearly a decade Ben led a double life, appearing anonymously on TV as a racing driver known only as 'The Stig'. 500 million viewers around the world tuned in to watch Top Gear, where Ben choreographed numerous car chases and live stunt shows, as well as coached hundreds of celebrities from Tom Cruise to Lionel Richie in the finer points of performance driving. Ben also coaches special forces and security professionals in Evasive Driving.

In 2008 Ben worked on "Quantum of Solace" as James Bond's driving double, winning accolades for his role as a stunt driver in the Aston Martin DBS, and again for "Skyfall" for which he won a Taurus World Stunt Award and a Screen Actors Guild Award. In 2013 Ben won his second Screen Actors Guild award for his role as a stunt driving double for Vin Diesel on "Fast & Furious 6," and recently reprised his role as 007's stunt driver in "Spectre."

Ben is a team player who enjoys all aspects and challenges of the Movie business, and has coordinated countless car commercials: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzD0rVkgmgw>

## *FEATURE FILMS*

2017 "Han Solo" - Han Solo Stunt Driving double, "American Assassin" - Mitch Stunt Driving Double.

2016 "Dr Strange" - Dr Strange Stunt Driving double.

2015 Bond: "SPECTRE" - James Bond Stunt Driving Double

"Mission Impossible" - Rogue Nation Stunt Driver

"Criminal" Stunt Driver

2014 "Kingsman: Secret Service" - Eggsy Stunt Driving Double

"Amazing Spiderman 2", "Riot Club" Stunt Driver

"Mortdecai" Johnny Depp Stunt Driving Double

2013 "Fast & Furious 6" - Vin Diesel Stunt Driving Double.

Winner of SAG stunt award. "Jack Ryan" Stunt Driver

2010 "The Expendables" - Stunt Driving Double -

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Ranger Rover *"Inferno"*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hU1KXJzicrg>

Showreel: <http://youtu.be/XfXDegAl3LY>

## ***MOTOR RACING***

1995 Formula Vauxhall Junior: **3<sup>rd</sup> overall** with **2 Wins** and 8 Podiums, **2<sup>nd</sup> overall** in Formula Opel Winter Series,

1996-2000 British & International **Formula 3**: **4 Wins**, **2<sup>nd</sup>** in Marlboro Masters

2001 **Le Mans P1 Team Ascari** in FIA World Sportscar Championship: **3<sup>rd</sup> overall**, **1 Win** (Tourist Trophy @ Donington Park), 3 Podiums, Fastest driver overall at **Le Mans 24** for four hours in torrential rain. Testing for Panoz LMP1 at Atlanta.

2002 **Le Mans P1 Team Ascari** in American Le Mans Series: Daytona 24 Hrs (DNF: Engine), **6<sup>th</sup>** Sebring 12 Hrs, Le Mans 24 (DNF, mechanical). Formula 1 testing for 'Euro Boss'.

2003 **European Nascar**: **Won Championship**, **6 Wins**, **6 Poles**, **9 Fastest Laps**

2004 **European Nascar**: **4<sup>th</sup>** overall (missed 2 rounds), **1 Win**, **2 poles**, **2 Fastest laps**

2005 **British GT**: Porsche GT2 - **3<sup>rd</sup>** overall with **2 wins**, **2<sup>nd</sup>** in FIA GT & **4<sup>th</sup>** at Spa 24

2006 & 2007 **FIA GT3** with **Team Ascari**: **2 Poles** and led every race until the driver change

2008 **V8 Supercars** in Australia (**Bathurst & Philip Island**). **Le Mans P1 Development program** for 'Eco Racing' in a Reynard Diesel, selected ELMS rounds. Formula 1 Testing for Red Bull Racing.

2010 **Le Mans P2** with **RML** in Lola / HPD in European Le Mans Series: **Championship Winner** with **1 Win**. BTCC with Motorbase

2011 **Le Mans P2** with **RML** in HPD / Honda in ELMS: **4<sup>th</sup>** at Le Mans 24 and set the cars fastest lap, **9<sup>th</sup>** in Series.

2014 **FIA WEC** with RAM & Krohn Racing: **Ferrari 458 GTLM**. Fastest Ferrari Driver at Le Mans 24 hours.

2015 Bathurst 12 Hours: **Ferrari 458 GT3** with **GT Champions Maranello Motorsport**

*Thank you for your consideration. Ben Collins*